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AND AN ARTICLE

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§1.98

San Francisco, CA 94111
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed. In addition, applicant encloses a copy of a German search report (with English translation) dated July 13, 2000, which was issued in conjunction with counterpart German application no. 100 05 612.1, and in which these references were cited.

It is respectfully requested that the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.



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